

REMARKS

Claims 14, 15 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-13, 16-18, 20-28, 30-41, 43 and 44 are thus currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, 11, 21, 33, 34 and 35 have been amended for reasons set forth below. Claims 2-4, 7-9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20, 24, 25, 27, 30, 38, 39 and 44 have been amended to provide consistent terminology and correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicant has carefully reviewed the arguments presented in the Office Action and respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented below.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Claim 29 has been canceled.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-13, 18, 35-37, 41 and 43-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,570,930 to *Matheson*.

Independent claims 1, 6, 11 and 35 have been amended to recite that the synchronization signals are included in picture signals. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at page 19, lines 23-25 and page 31, lines 5-8 and lines 13-16. *Matheson* does not disclose the claimed features. It instead discloses that synchronization between two systems is obtained and maintained through the use of frame counts. (See column 8, lines 37-29).

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that *Matheson* fails to teach the invention claimed in independent claims 1, 6, 11 and 35. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration of the section 102 rejections of claims 1, 6, 11 and 35 and their respective dependent claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 5, 10, 14-17, 20-30, 32-34, 38-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Matheson* in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,521,014 to *Sitrick*.

Similar to claims 1, 6, 11 and 35, independent claim 21 has been amended to recite that the synchronization information is included in picture data. Independent claims 33 and 34 have been amended to recite that the synchronization information is included in telecast picture signals. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at page 25, lines 8-10 and page 30, lines 6-11.

Applicant submits that neither *Matheson* nor *Sitrick*, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest synchronization information in picture data or synchronization information in telecast picture signals. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration of the section 103 rejections of claims 21, 33 and 34 and their respective dependent claims.

Regarding dependent claims 5, 10, 14-17, 20, 38 and 39, in view of the foregoing analysis of independent claims 1, 11 and 35 in view of *Matheson*, Applicant believes that the rejections under section 103 are rendered moot as each of these dependent claims depends from an allowable independent claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

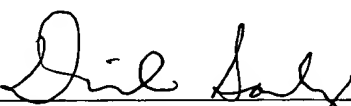
Claims 31 and 40 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In view of the amendments to independent claims 21 and 35, Applicant believes that claims 31 and 40 now depend from allowable base claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest and bona fide effort to clarify the issues before the Examiner and to place this case in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of all of Applicant's claims 1-13, 16-18, 20-28, 30-41, 43 and 44 are believed to be in order and an early Notice of Allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

FULWIDER PATTON LEE & UTECHT, LLP

By: 
David S. Sarisky
Registration No. 41,288

Howard Hughes Center
6060 Center Drive, Tenth Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Telephone: (310) 824-5555
Facsimile: (310) 824-9696
Customer No. 24201